

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

May 18, 2004

4:00 PM

Chairman O'Neil called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen O'Neil, Shea, Garrity, Smith, Lopez

Messrs.: Deputy Chief Leidemer, J. Brisbin, R. MacKenzie, K. Sheppard,
R. Ludwig

Chairman O'Neil stated we have a couple of items that shouldn't take long and we can get those out of the way quick before get into the presentation.

Chairman O'Neil addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from Frederick Rusczek, Public Health Director,
requesting authorization to accept a two-year grant award in the amount of
\$47,145 to develop and implement a computer system to track local
environmental public health activities and indicators.

On motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Shea it was voted to approve the resolution and budget authorization.

Chairman O'Neil stated we have two other items that have come up in the last few days from the Police Department that they have asked us to address. It might be appropriate to bring Deputy Police Chief Leidemer up. One has to do with a recent award of some Homeland Security money and a grant available and Deputy Leidemer is pinch hitting regarding a grant for community policing although that may come under his direction anyway regarding some alcohol enforcement that they just became aware of.

“Amending the FY2004 Community Improvement Program,
authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Twenty
Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and Thirty Three
Cents (\$20,833.33) for the FY2004 CIP 412104 Homeland Security
program (Part II).”

Deputy Police Chief Glen Leidemer stated I will be brief. The first request involves grant monies from Homeland Security. As I understand it the State of NH applied for Homeland Security money geared specifically towards tactical response. The monies were approved and the State received them from the Department of Safety, Office of the Commissioner and they were dispersed and administered and dispersed by the NH Police Standards and Training Council of the Police Academy in the amount of \$20,833. There are not matching funds. They set a criteria that needed to be met before we, as a City and we as a Police Department can utilize the money. We have met that criteria and we are hoping that we can get your authorization to purchase equipment using that money.

Alderman Lopez moved to approve the resolution and budget authorization. Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Lopez stated in reference to 412204...

Chairman O'Neil interjected that is the next one. Let's take these one at a time.

Chairman O'Neil called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

“Amending the FY2004 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$14,917) for the FY004 CIP 412204 Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Project.”

Deputy Chief Leidemer stated this one deals with alcohol compliance targeting underage drinking. The department applied for funds, non-matching funds, through the Attorney General's Office. We received authorization for a grant for \$14,917 to enforce underage drinking laws. We have a strategy set for that if we are able to make use of those monies to include compliance checks, patrols both in the fall and again next spring during the school year so there is a strategy in place to use the media to bring the message to the community regarding the hazards and dangers of underage drinking.

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman Smith it was voted to approve the resolution and budget authorization.

Alderman Shea stated I wondered if you would be working in any way, shape or manner with the Office of Youth Services in this regard.

Deputy Chief Leidemer responded I can't speak definitively to that. My assumption would be that we would certainly use them and reach out to that office when we put the media strategy into place but initially it is going to be our

community policing officers in concert with the State Liquor Commission doing the alcohol compliance.

Alderman Shea stated what I was thinking about is you did mention spring time and schools getting out and I thought that once that program was initiated they are going to try to work with the students at the middle schools. I am just wondering if there is some sort of relationship there between children who have problems in schools, vis a vie children who have problems after school with things like drugs and drinking and so forth. I am just wondering if there is some consideration for a tie in there.

Deputy Chief Leidemer responded I don't think there is a tie in to this particular grant. I think these monies...the compliance issue to utilize these monies solely involve around enforcement in the purchase of alcohol through an alcohol compliance check with establishments that sell alcohol.

Alderman Shea asked but if, in fact, somebody were picked up and obviously processed at your department do you let them know at the Office of Youth Services whether they are one of their clients or not. Would that be part of your interaction with them or is it just simply you do what you have to do to enforce the law and that is it?

Deputy Chief Leidemer answered we work hand-in-hand with them, Alderman, in projects such as this but speaking to these monies it is geared toward enforcement. Having said that, when someone is arrested and petitioned as a juvenile or charged as an adult we can certainly notify that office and have them work with us.

Alderman Shea stated that is what I mean.

Chairman O'Neil stated we had a very formal presentation in a joint effort last week on the Wrap Program. It was a Federal Justice grant that the Office of Youth Services was leading in conjunction with Police and utilizing the school resource officers and the School District was heavily involved and I believe that is where Alderman Shea was going in trying to tie that all in.

Deputy Chief Leidemer stated I wasn't present but I can speak to the fact that as recently as last week we had a meeting, the Police Department and the Director of Youth Services but I was not present.

Alderman Lopez stated in reference to this it is reading here that you can be reimbursed for past expenditures. Now do you have any anticipation of charging this to past expenditures?

Deputy Chief Leidemer responded I wouldn't think so, Alderman, and what I base that on is we initially requested \$50,000 for the grant and we were approved for just under \$15,000. It is my understanding or as I understand it the reason we got \$15,000 versus the original grant application is other communities are becoming involved in this type of initiative as well and the monies aren't available. To answer your question, my assumption is that we will not be going after monies we have already expended.

Alderman Lopez stated you mentioned doing something in the fall. You are not going to do anything in the summer as far as patrolling and stopping?

Deputy Chief Leidemer responded we have the strategies set up. If the monies are approved and the City takes receipt of the money we would like to begin June 1. We are not 100% sure that will happen although that is the target date. What I was referring to and I think you are speaking to is the alcohol compliance checks. We kind of having those go hand-in-hand with events like the opening of the school year, prom season and holiday season.

Alderman Lopez stated I know there has been some talk among Aldermen that we need the patrols out there to stop some of these people from speeding in the neighborhoods and stuff like that.

Chairman O'Neil called for a vote on the motion to approve the resolution and budget authorization. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman O'Neil addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Purpose of the meeting is to hear presentations and discuss final recommendations for amendments to the proposed FY2005 CIP Resolution:

“Approving the Community Improvement Program for 2005, Raising and Appropriating Monies Therefore, and Authorizing Implementation of Said Program.”

a) Library presentation;

Mr. John Brisbin stated I appreciate the opportunity to come before you. Since I was appointed Library Director in 1991 the most frequent spring, summer and early fall complaint from taxpayers year in and year out is “I can't believe you are not air-conditioned.” They tell me they love the library but they just can't stay when it is hot and humid. I have had perspective employees refuse to work at the library when they found out it wasn't air-conditioned. At the request of patrons

and employees I have had the Health Department measure levels of heat and humidity. On the worst days in July and August when it is 95 degrees plus in the main library building workers just can't be as productive as they can if it were in the 70's as it would be if it were air-conditioned. The Federal government issues health warnings to seniors and others regularly in the summer recommending that they seek refuge in public libraries. Let's face it, nearly all public buildings and most work places are air-conditioned these days. The main library building is steam heated and has one thermostat. You bake in some rooms and freeze in others during the winter. We open windows to cool rooms that overheat and therefore waste energy. Library Trustees have made 13 annual CIP requests for air-conditioning for this largest library in the state and for the building that John Clayton called the Crowned Jewel of the City. City Hall hasn't been insensitive to this need but for 13 years there have always been other priorities. Also, as Tim Clougherty and Kevin Sheppard will outline, it is very expensive to do the major electrical upgrades to allow a new HVAC system and to hide the ductwork in the historic building that we have. Those are two big reasons that have delayed this as I see it. Over the past 13 years the Manchester City Library has been energized and revitalized by the continued efforts of our staff, our trustees, foundation and friends and certainly because of a good partnership with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. We have 31 public access PC's in the main library building and also employment, business, homework and family history databases, which are also available, by the way, on our web page. We have a super popular DVD collection and museum passes. We have the largest book collection in the State of New Hampshire. The Manchester Library has gained ever-growing respect in the City and throughout the region. It is a shame and a waste not to make the most of that in four seasons and not just two and a half or three. Both the Providence report needs assessment that we did in 1996 and the 2002 Parsons Brinckerhoff facilities audit that was funded by the Building Maintenance Division strongly recommend climate control. The Manchester City Library is a Federal depository library. That means that we hold Federal documents and reports. The Feds give us a report card every third year and the only non-compliance area we have is in climate control. Otherwise, we have a straight A average. They consider their documents are at risk. Heat poses a risk to the technology – our PC's, server and other electronics could be irreparably damaged by heat. Paint in the library building continually peels due to summer heat and uneven steam heat in the fall and winter. We patch paint all of the time. There is potential for mold growth, which could be devastating to our book collection. We did have a teenage worker who fainted in the book stacks a few years ago due to summer heat. We understand that there have been and always will be other CIP priorities, however, we are asking that after 13 years of due diligence that this issue be addressed. We thank Barbara Connor and all of the Building Maintenance Division for funding and doing the Parsons Brinckerhoff study and we thank you for your time.

Alderman Lopez there is \$226,000 in Cash in the CIP for maintenance. Can somebody explain that to me?

Mr. Robert MacKenzie asked could you repeat the question please.

Alderman Lopez stated in the activity summary that you sent out it is indicating that there is a municipal deferred maintenance cash program of \$226,000.

Mr. Sam Maranto responded that consists of several requests from Highway and Building Maintenance for various projects.

Alderman Lopez asked is that in the operating budget.

Mr. Maranto answered it is in CIP. It is for various projects that they cannot bond.

Alderman Lopez asked so it is cash. I was looking for it in the CIP and I couldn't find it. You might want to look for it and give it to me later. I noticed also in doing this has the library done any research and maybe we could have Tim or Kevin up here to tell us what the operating cost is going to be after this is completed.

Mr. Brisbin responded he can address it.

Alderman Lopez asked who can address it. The reason I bring it up is because I think we had a briefing last night from the Finance people and Randy Sherman brought that particular point up. What are the operating costs going to be? In the past couple of years we have been doing things when we don't know what the operating costs are going to be.

Mr. Tim Clougherty stated we haven't had the opportunity or it isn't really the appropriate time to nail down exactly what the operating costs would be for the library. Primarily during the summer months would be our greatest concern when the air-conditioning is running full time. Right now we anticipate the cost to be somewhere between \$8,000 and \$10,000 a month depending on final design.

Alderman Lopez asked in the CIP and I don't know if you received the same document that we did but on Page 8 of the summary of the activity CIP financial analysis...

Mr. Tim Clougherty interjected I don't have that document with me.

Alderman Lopez asked Sam do you have your copy with you. I am looking at Page 8. What do we mean by “other items that may need to be addressed that are not in the budget right now”?

Mr. Maranto asked where are you looking.

Alderman Lopez answered I am looking in the package that was submitted on Page 8. It is the CIP Activity Financial Request on the City Library from the Building Maintenance Department explaining what we are going to spend \$3 million on. It also indicates other items that may be needed that are not addressed in this particular \$3 million. What are we referring to? Do you know, Tim?

Mr. Tim Clougherty responded it potentially addresses items that are associated with the HVAC that aren't specifically identified in the narrative.

Alderman Lopez replied so I guess what we are saying is this money is to get the project going and then later on there are other items that are going to have to be addressed whether it be another \$500,000 or whatever the case may be. Is that what you are referring to?

Mr. Tim Clougherty responded again I apologize but I don't have that sheet in front of me. If it is a \$3 million request, which is associated with the library HVAC upgrades, that funding in total is what we feel in total would be required to accomplish and it is not intended for that to be a partial funding.

Mr. MacKenzie stated just to clarify the cost estimates for the heating and ventilation improvements along with associated architectural work came in just a bid under \$3 million. There were several other needed improvements at the library from fixing the granite steps to some of the dental work and that is what the additional \$200,000 was intended to do in the program. That \$3.2 million in the program was not just for heating and ventilation.

Alderman Lopez stated the last question I have is when we looked at the initial report we looked at \$1 million for air conditioning but I think we had some conversation in reference to that that you were going to have to do the duct work anyway for the air exchange and I guess the aesthetics in the library are going to be in a fake wall or something along that line where we are going to hide all of that duct work. Could you tell me what actually is going to be the cost if you had to do the exchange air anyway what is the actual cost of the air conditioning?

Mr. Tim Clougherty replied based on the preliminary design and cost estimate that we got the type of system that we would be installing would be a two pipe heating and cooling system, which means that in the wintertime we would be using the

same piping for heating as we would be using for air conditioning in the summer. Right now we have a situation where the hot water piping in the building has deteriorated as well so this project would really accomplish or take care of two birds with one stone if you will. It would allow us to upgrade that hot water system as well as to provide for the air conditioning. So the differential in cost with adding air conditioning to a project of this nature is really only in the equipment cost itself for the air conditioning, which would be chillers and any compressor type units specific to the air conditioner. In conversation with the folks that put the estimate together, if we were to eliminate the air conditioning from the project our overall savings would only be in the magnitude of \$150,000 to \$200,000 overall.

Chairman O'Neil stated Alderman Lopez you mentioned something about \$260,000 and what I have in Cash is \$100,000 for Highway Department Building Maintenance. I would like to know where that \$260,000 is.

Alderman Lopez responded I am looking at Page 1, Mr. Chairman, of the document.

Chairman O'Neil stated I am in the CIP budget that we were given.

Alderman Lopez replied that is what I am trying to figure out.

Mr. MacKenzie stated I can clarify that, Mr. Chairman. The \$262,000 was requested by the Highway Department Building Maintenance Division. After reviewing the request and working with our staff we recommended \$100,000 for that. It is basically contingency for boilers that fail or windows that are broken. Based on past records we recommended \$100,000. So the \$262,000 that you saw was a request, not what is being proposed.

Chairman O'Neil asked is \$100,000 what is proposed.

Mr. MacKenzie answered yes.

Alderman Roy stated I don't have a question but more of a comment. I have received a number of calls from constituents who use the library as well as employees of the library who feel this is long overdue for not only the usage or increased usage of the library but also the safety of those employees that spend their time there. Much like we work with the Police and Fire Departments I think we should look at this as all employees deserve the protections of a good work environment. So no question but just a comment reiterating constituent concerns.

Mayor Baines stated I understand the deliberations that are going on with the process as we try to meet all of the needs of the City. I have been looking at this project since I became Mayor and again I missed the initial presentation but this has been a longstanding issue in the City and it has been studied for a long period of time. I think we need to look at the library as the learning center of the community and the use of that facility has changed over time. Now people come in and do research and they are using the Internet and computer technology and for a lot of people it is a great equalizer in our community because not everyone has the resources as we know in our community. During the summer months I can tell you on numerous occasions I receive e-mails from City employees and calls from constituents about the intolerable conditions that exist in this historic facility. To me the air conditioning in this project is really keeping faith with the Carpenters – Frank Carpenter’s family. We have a historic facility and it means so much, especially as our community grows and more people live in our City and look at the library as a resource for them. We have a responsibility to make sure that that facility can be fully used 12 months out of the year. In reality, as the situation is now during the summer months it is not a place where people want to go and spend any time. It is a valuable resource for our community. It means a lot for our community, not only for the history of the community but for the future of our City and I urge you to fully fund this project so we can keep have a facility worthy of people who look to the library as a place of gathering, a place of research and a place of knowledge.

Chairman O’Neil asked, Tim, do you know...the recommended amount from the Mayor that is currently in the CIP is \$3.25 million. If we are really calling the HVAC work, and I believe that includes \$100,000 for some Haz-Mat abatement.

Mr. Tim Clougherty answered that \$3.25 million does.

Chairman O’Neil asked what is the extra \$250,000. Will that cover all of the items that the CIP staff mentioned?

Mr. Tim Clougherty answered right now we are looking at those items and we are going to be prioritizing them. We think there may be some economies of scale that can be gained based on the estimate that is in our hands for the air conditioning portion but our estimate for other ancillary items was a little bit higher than the \$250,000 so we would be looking to prioritize them and accomplish them as funding allows.

Chairman O’Neil asked but you think the \$3.2 million is satisfactory to get the HVAC portion done as well as possibly one or two other projects.

Mr. Tim Clougherty answered yes.

Alderman Shea asked have you sent out an RFP.

Mr. Tim Clougherty asked for the construction.

Alderman Shea answered for anything relating to the library project.

Mr. Tim Clougherty responded most definitely not.

Alderman Shea asked so what is the timing. What do you expect will happen?

Mr. Tim Clougherty answered once the funding is approved by the full Board and the CIP budget is put into effect we would be issuing a request for qualifications soliciting professional qualifications from firms, architecture and design teams and short listing them. We would be issuing request for proposals for design services and entering into an investigation and design phase. We anticipate that would probably take about nine months so we would actually be bidding the project some time during the early part of the next calendar year – 2005.

Alderman Shea stated I know that there was a discussion at the Board level that what we were trying to do is before a final disposition is made or before going out to bid the Committee would want to be on top of things. Is it conceivable that the amount of money that is set aside for bonding will not be used in total until perhaps a year from now or thereabouts?

Mr. Tim Clougherty responded yes that is conceivable.

Alderman Shea asked so if a certain amount were given for different preliminary architectural expenditures and so forth the project could then go forward at a later time without necessarily all of the bonding money being devoted exclusively to this project. Is that correct?

Mr. Tim Clougherty answered I think that is a fair statement. We could move forward with solicitation of professional services, get the design done...if those monies were allocated we would just have to wait to execute a construction contract until those further monies were allocated.

Chairman O'Neil asked but we are really setting up the framework of a two-year budget here so even though...how we have acted in the past that would be true but we really have to have, in order to do this project whether it be FY05 or FY06 we really need to approve that bond as part of the CIP. Am I correct, Mr. MacKenzie?

Mr. MacKenzie replied that is correct. At this point we have gone with Finance through some of the bonding projections and we don't have any expectations for additional funds at the present time for the FY06 budget.

Chairman O'Neil stated although I do agree with Alderman Shea's statement that the Committee would like to, before we do enter into committing money for construction see that come back before us to get a little bit of control on what is going on here so we don't keep falling into we didn't have enough money, we didn't have enough money, we didn't have enough money. I agree with Alderman Shea in that statement but we really are setting up a two-year framework here.

Alderman Lopez stated I concur with Alderman Shea and I believe, as we all know and have experienced, that to let this project go forward and have them come back with the documents it is going to cost more once this is all over with just like most projects do.

Alderman Lopez moved to authorize \$2.9 million for 811405 and then have them report back to the Committee once the design is finalized. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion.

Chairman O'Neil stated I need some clarification. The projected cost in front of me is \$2,998,167. Is that the number you are looking for or are you just rounding it off to \$2.9 million?

Alderman Lopez responded I think it is \$3.2 million.

Chairman O'Neil stated I am going by the estimate that was provided to us regarding the Manchester library mechanical upgrades.

Alderman Lopez stated I am going by the CIP budget.

Chairman O'Neil stated I need clarification from either Kevin or Tim. The HVAC work has been identified in the preliminary work you have done with some consultants and is \$2,998,167 correct?

Mr. Tim Clougherty responded correct.

Chairman O'Neil stated it is the additional work you are talking about the \$3.2 million correct.

Alderman Lopez stated let me further explain if I may. I believe we talked about the fire station in Ward 10 that is short \$300,000. We want to complete that project as soon as possible so what we want to do is take \$300,000 from the

811405 and transfer that \$300,000 to Table 4, 411305 Fire Station Upgrade to complete that project. The reason for that is I believe as we move along in this whole process once Tim comes back with the final RFP I believe it is going to be higher than what is calculated and we are going to have to do something else as far as finding some money and I am sure there will be some bond balances around that we can use. Plus we also have other things that are in the works there. I think that we are funding the whole thing until the RFP comes back. I think it is going to be higher. That is my belief. It is sort of taking care of both projects and taking care of the fire station, which I think is more important than having air conditioning in the library.

Chairman O'Neil asked if we take the \$300,000 out of the library wouldn't that leave \$2.95 million in that project.

Alderman Lopez answered yes and I will amend my motion to \$2,950,000 for 811405 for the Library HVAC improvements.

Mayor Baines asked could we have the Finance Department weigh in on this issue and look at the various assumptions that have been talked about in terms of possible fund balances. I appreciate the fact that you believe you are fully funding it but I have been around long enough that I want it verified.

Chairman O'Neil asked Mr. Kevin Clougherty to come forward. In both cases, both the library and the fire station, we have actually had some pre-consulting work done and that is where we have identified that the number for the fire station was low. We think \$1.6 million is an accurate number there and based on the information that has been provided it looks like \$2.95 million is a fairly accurate number for the HVAC. It may not allow some of those other projects to get done but those are the ones I think the Aldermen are talking about that we can work through as the year goes on.

Mr. Kevin Clougherty stated it sounds as though what you are trying to do is approve two projects for which you don't have final numbers. Whether you allocate all of the money to the fire station or all of the money to the library, eventually it sounds like you will approve two projects for X dollars but you are only going to authorize the start-ups for each one of those programs to allow for engineering. You can wait until you get better information and then there will probably be some reallocation of the total project dollars between those at some point during the fiscal year.

Chairman O'Neil stated I am fairly comfortable based on these numbers. Both projects have had consultants work on them to come up with those numbers so I am fairly comfortable that they are pretty accurate numbers unlike some other

projects where we kind of grabbed them out of the air. I understand where Alderman Lopez is going. I am in support of this with the knowledge that we may have to move some money as time goes on.

Mr. Kevin Clougherty stated as you know during the course of the year there are always balances that occur in different projects and it sounds like what you are saying is get the numbers and we will try to get you whole but there is a commitment to the library for the year to get it done. Let's start with the engineering and find out what it is and then if there is something beyond the \$2.9 million we will try to find that in other balances.

Chairman O'Neil asked Tim and Kevin are you fairly comfortable...I know you both have looked at the reports for both projects, that \$1.6 million and \$2.95 million would be pretty close to get going on these two projects.

Mr. Tim Clougherty stated yes most definitely. Like you mentioned the \$1.6 million for the fire station is a solid number. The estimate that was put together for the library is a comprehensive estimate. There are a lot of breakdowns and a lot of assumptions made as far as equipment and things like that go there are some design contingencies in there and other items that I think are a little bit rich but we have also seen a substantial increase in steel and raw material prices over the past couple of months so that needs to be factored into the equation as well. The other thing it allows us to do is maybe take advantage of that if those commodities come down but we are also going to have the time value of money playing a factor so there are a lot of things that go into it. One question that I would have if I may, Mr. Chairman, outside of the HVAC related items there were items as Mr. MacKenzie was talking about that constituted that roughly \$250,000 number. Those included numbers such as repairs to the exterior gutter system, repairs to the dental molding on the façade as well as repairs to the front entrance way steps and a couple of very minor items – some carpeting items and things like that. Is it the Committee's direction to include those items in our request for consultant services and bid it as a comprehensive package or is it only HVAC?

Chairman O'Neil asked do you have some flexibility on that.

Mr. Tim Clougherty stated we can do it as add alternatives or deduct alternatives and give ourselves some options down the road.

Chairman O'Neil stated I think that is where the Committee wants to go. I think we want a little flexibility on those additional items so if you can do it as an alternative and either delete or add at a later date that may be the proper way to structure this.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated can I suggest the motion if I am understanding what is going on because I want to make sure it comes out the way you want it. If I am understanding what has been discussed, the motion would be to decrease #710205 \$2,430,000 by decreasing \$300,000 from the Library project leaving a total of \$2,950,000 for a new total of \$2,130,000 and increasing #411305 by \$300,000, which is the Fire Station for a new total of \$1,600,000.

Alderman Lopez asked can you give me the number on the Library again.

Chairman O'Neil answered the new number on the Library would be \$2,950,000 correct.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated the Library amount would be \$2,950,000.

Chairman O'Neil stated and the new number for the Fire Station would be \$1.6 million.

Alderman Lopez responded that is correct.

Alderman Lopez moved to decrease the Library HVAC/Facility Improvements (#811405) by \$300,000 making the new total \$2,950,000 and increase Fire Station Upgrades (#411305) by \$300,000 making the new total \$1.6 million. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion. Chairman O'Neil called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mr. MacKenzie asked could I add a footnote to that discussion. I did want to let you know that we had a brief conversation with the Finance Department this afternoon. Part of that work at the Library may qualify for some of the energy efficiency improvement bonds that are already outstanding. We will have to determine that through the engineering portion of the program. I believe it will qualify because it is a very old heating system. Potentially upwards of maybe \$150,000 to \$200,000 could be accounted for under the energy efficiency program, which will help you attain your goal.

Chairman O'Neil stated I think that is great. All I have to say is keep the Committee informed and updated if that becomes available. I think Highway is going to structure their design contract to give them some flexibility and also the construction contract.

b) Discussion of Wellness Program

Fire Chief Joe Kane stated the Committee at the last meeting had several questions and wanted to look at several reports that we were able to supply to the Committee via the City Clerk's Office. I believe that everyone received those reports and a copy of the program that was available to them through the City Clerk's Office. The other thing is that we were also able to relook at and rework the numbers in regards to the request for cash. As a result of a couple of meetings that we have had since the last time we met we were able to reduce that number from \$150,000 to \$95,000 so at this point in time what we are requesting is \$95,000 and not the \$150,000.

Alderman Lopez moved to decrease #410005 Comprehensive Wellness Matching Grant from \$150,000 to \$95,000. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion.

Chairman O'Neil asked does lowering that number jeopardize the grant.

Chief Kane answered no. We were able to look at the grant and as it was a matching grant we were able to move some existing projects up against that grant and use that as matching funding.

Chairman O'Neil asked define existing projects.

Chief Kane stated what we currently do and what we have been doing for a number of years is because we do Haz-Mat physicals for our hazardous material personnel and technicians we are going to take that money and push that up against the program.

Chairman O'Neil asked are we still doing a match of \$150,000 it is just where it comes from is going to be the difference.

Chief Kane answered actually the match is \$168,000. So we will be doing the match of \$168,000.

Chairman O'Neil asked so was it the department's intent all along to come up with another \$18,000 some other place.

Chief Kane answered I am not really exactly sure where the \$150,000 came from. Our original request was \$168,000.

Chairman O'Neil asked Mr. MacKenzie where did the \$150,000 come from if the request was \$168,000.

Mr. MacKenzie stated in trying to pare the budget down to the cash goal...cash was very difficult and we felt potentially that the \$18,000 could come from their operating budget.

Alderman Shea stated in all programs one of the most important aspects is what do you expect to come out of it. In other words, who is going to regulate the people participating. Are there criteria set-up? Is a Lieutenant going to lead the...in other words a lot of money is being spent. How are the people in Manchester or the Fire Department personnel or whomever, the family's of the Fire Department personnel, how are they going to know that people are participating in the program? Who is going to oversee the programs and where are they going to take place? Do you have all of these things?

Chief Kane responded yes. How the program is going to be supervised and overseen is there is a group of what are known as Peer Fitness Coordinators. These are firefighters and officers that volunteer to do this. They volunteer their time to go through a Peer Fitness Training class and that group will be monitoring that. The details of exactly how that is going to be set-up will be worked out in the coming months.

Alderman Shea asked is this going to take place during working time or is it after working hours or is this part of the working hours or what.

Chief Kane answered I think some if it will be taking place during working hours and some of it will be taking place after. Obviously things like medical exams will be taking place while they are working just like we do now but you are looking for lifestyle changes that will be taking place obviously afterwards like smoking cessation for example.

Alderman Shea stated I don't mean to be cynical but nobody is going to be paid overtime for participating in this program are they.

Chief Kane answered no.

Alderman Shea stated that is obviously one of the concerns that we have. So it is going to be either during regular hours that the firefighters work or they are going to come back after working hours to participate in this program on their own.

Chief Kane responded that is right. Any time that the firefighters will be taking part in this they will either be on duty or like I said it would be a lifestyle change and something they would be doing on their own.

Alderman Shea asked and this is for one year correct.

Chief Kane answered the grant is for one year to get the program up and running. For the most part that is where all of the cost is, in the first year.

Alderman Shea asked so even though it continues in year 2 and 3 there will not be additional City costs involved.

Chief Kane answered there will be some medical exams that will be out there but it won't be anywhere near the extent that we are looking at right now.

Chairman O'Neil stated that means the physicals are about \$55,000 then. Where do you make up the difference between the \$150,000 and the...

Chief Kane interjected I think it is close to \$60,000. Actually the number is \$73,000.

Chairman O'Neil asked if there is a difference of \$55,000 where does the \$73,000 come up. It doesn't seem like all of the numbers add up here all of the time.

Chief Kane stated we need to start off with \$168,000. The medical cost is \$73,000. Subtract that \$73,000 from \$168,000.

Chairman O'Neil stated okay then that leaves the \$95,000.

Chief Kane stated you keep mixing the \$150,000 in there, which is really not an accurate program number.

Chairman O'Neil asked and that is coming out of whose budget – HR.

Chief Kane answered yes.

Chairman O'Neil asked and that is something we are already doing.

Chief Kane answered that is correct.

Chairman O'Neil asked and this is something we are contractually responsible and then with the local when is that supposed to start.

Chief Kane answered July 1.

Chairman O'Neil asked what happens if we didn't have this up and running July 1.

Chief Kane answered well a number of things. First, if we didn't have the program up and running July 1 we would lose the grant, which is about \$400,000. Second, we would be in default of the contract and the union would be able to move against the department.

Chairman O'Neil asked are we ready to implement this July 1. Has the equipment been ordered? Is it bought? Is it on-site?

Chief Kane answered no none of that has been done because we haven't gone through the CIP process yet to officially get the money. We have gone out for a bid for equipment and for different services but those bids are in abeyance until we get authorization to send the money.

Chairman O'Neil asked but the fact that the equipment won't be on-site doesn't jeopardize the agreement with the Local...

Chief Kane interjected I don't think so. This is in partnership with the Local and I think the Local understands that this is a long-range program.

Chairman O'Neil asked so it has been bid or it hasn't been bid yet.

Chief Kane answered yes it has been bid.

Chairman O'Neil stated so it just hasn't been awarded or you have awarded it but you haven't actually placed the order.

Chief Kane responded we have accepted the bids, that is all we have done.

Chairman O'Neil asked have you been able to do anything up front on this. You mentioned the trainer thing. Has that already taken place or will that take place?

Chief Kane answered we have already done the Peer Fitness Trainer Program. That was done with firefighters coming in on their own.

Chairman O'Neil asked how was that paid for.

Chief Kane answered we would have had to pay the instructors and the International Firefighters. That would be paid this summer. That is something that they would agree to.

Chairman O'Neil asked so they have done it and now they are owed that money.

Chief Kane answered yes.

Chairman O'Neil stated I know some of this came out of and I think the term you used last week was a NIOS report. Is this directly related to that?

Chief Kane responded I think it has been an ongoing goal of the department and Local 856 for a number of years. It surfaced in a number of reports. The NIOS report was one of them and I think that was the emphasis that drove the Local and the department to accomplish this.

Chairman O'Neil asked did a physical fitness program or wellness program come out of that. What that one of the recommendations?

Chief Kane answered yes.

Chairman O'Neil stated I have never seen it. Is that something we can get a copy of? I will ask for it. I don't know if the other members want a copy.

Chief Kane responded we have a copy here and we can give that to you. There is also a copy in the City Clerk's Office.

Chairman O'Neil asked are there any statistics either regionally or nationally on what a wellness program may save in worker's compensation or...I know a lot of times people get hurt and that may or may not be related to on-the-job so there may be some additional health costs away from worker's compensation. Are there any statistics on that?

Chief Kane answered a number of departments have gone through this program and have developed statistics. One that comes to mind and it was in the report that we gave you last time was there was a 26% reduction in injuries in the Phoenix Fire Department. Other fire departments that have been involved in this have been New York City, LA County, and Seattle so there have been some significant departments involved in this project and all of them have seen a reduction in injury leave.

Chairman O'Neil stated if that is something you gave out, I don't have it. All I have is the 2003 Assistance to the Firefighter's Grant. It is a three-page handout.

Chief Kane responded it is in there. It should be on one of the pages there. It is a paragraph on Page 3.

Chairman O'Neil asked so there are some hard facts out there showing how a wellness program cuts down on the risk of worker's compensation and makes for a general better healthier workforce.

Chief Kane answered yes.

Chairman O'Neil stated so the bottom line is if we approve this and this makes it through the CIP budget this thing will be ready to go in effect July 1.

Chief Kane responded yes.

Chairman O'Neil asked do we have a motion.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered I have Alderman Lopez by Alderman Shea to reduce the project to the amount of \$95,000.

Chairman O'Neil stated I want to make it clear that by reducing it to \$95,000 we don't jeopardize a thing.

Chief Kane replied we are all set.

Chairman O'Neil asked either the union agreement or the grant.

Chief Kane answered we are all set.

Chairman O'Neil called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

- c) Request of Alderman Garrity for full funding (from \$15,000 to \$30,000 for Boys & Girls Club

Alderman Garrity stated this has to do with the Boys and Girls Club request for funding. They requested \$30,000 this year and the Mayor's CIP budget only funded them at 50%. They have been funded by CIP the past two years and we always seem to get creative at this time of year to get them fully funded. It is a great program. They service 1,400 boys and girls throughout the City and this funding would be used for transportation costs and staffing costs at the Union Street clubhouse to get the west side youth over to the Union Street clubhouse since they closed the west side clubhouse.

Chairman O'Neil asked is it my understanding in discussion with you that they did receive \$30,000.

Alderman Garrity answered no. They requested \$30,000 and they received \$15,000. Last year I believe they received \$25,000. I was going to ask Mr.

MacKenzie to see if there was any way we could get creative and I guess my colleague to the right has gotten creative with it.

Alderman Lopez stated I what I would recommend to the Committee is to take \$20,000 from City Cash #411205 and add \$15,000 to the Boys and Girls Club #510805 giving them a total of \$30,000.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated it is really not transferring it because you have already reduced it to \$95,000 to right now I am just looking at...did you want to add \$20,000.

Alderman Lopez stated it is #411205 that I want to take the money from.

Deputy Clerk Johnson asked the Police Impound Lot.

Alderman Lopez answered yes.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated so you are moving to eliminate that project, which is \$20,000 and...

Alderman Lopez interjected add \$15,000 to the Boys and Girls Club #510805.

Chairman O'Neil asked what is the number for the Police Impound Lot.

Alderman Lopez answered #411205.

Chairman O'Neil asked and you want to move \$15,000 of that to the Boys Club.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated he is saying eliminate \$20,000 from the Police Impound Lot.

Alderman Lopez stated I have a suggestion for the other \$5,000. We are only dealing with the \$15,000 right now.

Deputy Clerk Johnson asked so you are eliminating the \$20,000 in its entirety in this motion and putting \$15,000 of that into the Boys and Girls Club.

Alderman Lopez answered that is correct.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Lopez it was voted to eliminate #411205 Police Impound Lot for \$20,000 and increase #510805 Boys and Girls Club by \$15,000 bringing the total to \$30,000.

Chairman O'Neil stated you have a suggestion for that other \$5,000 Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez responded yes I do and I also have a suggestion if I may do it all at one time I would appreciate it. We have \$55,000 left from Table 4 #410005, which was the Fire Department. What we would like to do on that is take \$20,000 and give it to #811205 HR for Quality Management. Take the \$5,000 from #411205 and transfer that into #811205 giving them a total of \$25,000 additional for Quality Management. Do you follow me?

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied it would be better if you just state where you want to put the money. Right now you have \$60,000 that you have already taken out of projects.

Chairman O'Neil stated let's make this simple to begin with. We have \$5,000 from the Impound Lot. He is recommending that \$5,000...

Deputy Clerk Johnson interjected but he has already taken it out so it is not a transfer.

Chairman O'Neil stated Carol put that \$5,000 towards the Human Resource Quality Management. That is where the balance of that \$5,000 is going.

Alderman Lopez stated we will do it this way. You are going to take \$25,000 and add it to #811205. You will get \$5,000 from #411205. You will get the other \$25,000 from #410005. That will take care of that. There is another \$30,000 left there and what we want to do...what I would recommend to the Committee is that \$30,000 be transferred over to the operating budget for HR #0350. That is for the insurance consultant who has been very successful in helping us this year and we need to continue that. That \$25,000 adds the \$45,000 in #811205.

Deputy Clerk Johnson responded so you are looking to add \$25,000 to the HR Quality Management project, which is #811205.

Alderman Lopez replied correct.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated and then you want to take \$5,000 from CIP Cash and send it over to the HR operating budget.

Alderman Lopez replied correct.

Chairman O'Neil asked that is for Mr. Sharry's services.

Alderman Lopez answered yes.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated so #811205 is now going to be a total of \$45,000. It is better that you don't identify where it is coming from because you are really working off a balance at this time and that is where things are...you are really looking to reduce your CIP Cash to transfer that to the operating budget.

Alderman Lopez replied that is correct.

Deputy Clerk Johnson asked are those the only changes you are making.

Alderman Lopez answered I have another one but I don't want to put it with this because it would be too confusing.

Deputy Clerk Johnson asked so you are making a motion for just those.

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman Shea it was voted to take \$5,000 from City Cash and put it in the HR operating budget and take \$25,000 from Table 4 and add it to #811205 HR Quality Management.

Alderman Lopez stated I have one other item and I would like to have Mr. MacKenzie...in my calculation we have \$9,000 or \$10,000 in Cash that I would like to give to Chronic Drain. Could you verify that?

Mr. MacKenzie responded yes. We had identified out of all of the old cash projects roughly \$9,000 or \$9,200 that could be reallocated to projects.

Chairman O'Neil asked that is existing correct.

Mr. MacKenzie replied yes. That is not in this CIP it is previous CIP money.

Alderman Garrity moved to add \$9,200 to the Chronic Drain project. Alderman Smith duly seconded the motion.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated I just need some clarification on that. These are old projects, Bob? Are we amending FY2003?

Mr. MacKenzie responded they are FY03 and FY04.

Deputy Clerk Johnson asked are we transferring those into FY05.

Mr. MacKenzie answered it may be cleaner just to put it into the FY04 Chronic Drain account.

Deputy Clerk Johnson asked so we are just going to amend the prior year so that is not part of this. It is approximately how much?

Mr. MacKenzie answered \$9,200.

Chairman O'Neil called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated you took out if I am reading this right \$75,000 and only encumbered \$55,000. You had reduced the Wellness Program by \$55,000 Cash and you eliminated another project in the amount of \$20,000. That totals \$75,000 in Cash. We added \$15,000 to the Boy's and Girl's Club...maybe that is what I am missing.

Mr. MacKenzie stated I think we are still off by \$5,000.

Deputy Clerk Johnson responded right you are still off by \$5,000 so you would still have \$5,000 that is in the Cash appropriation as a total but it is not accounted for anywhere in the tables.

Alderman Lopez stated that is no problem. We can add it to HR if that is the case.

Chairman O'Neil asked are we over by \$5,000 or under by \$5,000.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered you are over by \$5,000. In other words you have \$5,000 that you can put to another project. That is what I am saying.

Alderman Lopez stated can we put that in Chronic Drain.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Smith it was voted to increase the Chronic Drain budget for FY05 by \$5,000.

Alderman Shea stated I would like to bring up something different. Could Kevin Sheppard come forward please? The Motorized Equipment Replacement Bond has how much money in it?

Mr. Sheppard answered the total bond amount is \$2.5 million and based on what was proposed already the balance is about \$98,000.

Alderman Shea moved to approve the \$82,000 in the Motorized Equipment Replacement Bond as requested by the Parks & Recreation Department. Alderman Smith duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Smith stated I think this is really badly needed. It is a loader and it services one department but Cemetery and Parks and Recreation. It is 23 years old. It is a 1982 front-end loader and I think that we should move on this right away.

Chairman O'Neil stated I would like to bring Ron Ludwig forward. Ron, how many days a week is the current loader/backhoe out working?

Mr. Ronald Ludwig answered it averages about three or three and a half days a week.

Chairman O'Neil asked so in the course of 52 weeks a year how often is the loader/backhoe used.

Mr. Ludwig answered about 150 times I guess.

Chairman O'Neil stated when I look at this I say would it be nice for Parks to have it. Yes. I think if it was a priority we would have seen it before now. I saw the old one sit at Gill Stadium for years. I don't know how often it moved. I don't see it out on the street working. I live up in that area and I can honestly say I very rarely see it out from the garage to Mammoth Road or Bridge Street Extension. I guess my concern is that to quote my colleague to my right last we have wants and needs. I think this is a want. I look at the fact that in the next two years we are buying one fire truck and the next fire truck is scheduled to be replaced after Truck 3, which was recommended by this Committee for Engine 9 on Mammoth Road.

Mr. Sheppard stated you will see that would be a replacement of 70 years. That is also assuming that every homeowner has the ability to replace their concrete curbing as part of the 50/50 program and I don't believe that to the case here in the City. There are some homeowners that are doing it as part of the 50/50 but we don't see that all concrete curbs will be replaced and we see that as being an issue down the road. Our proposal was \$150,000 a year and what we would be looking at doing is economies of scale. Obviously we feel we can get better prices from a contractor if we are doing 1,000 linear feet or 2,000 linear feet within one specific area. The original numbers were based on...the 50/50 program is \$36/foot. We feel if we had a curb replacement program, whether it is asphalt or concrete, we could get a better price because we would have the contractor working in one or two specific areas. The reason Frank put this together is we did want to clarify our presentation of last week. The numbers, I think speak for themselves and the need for a program like this for the City. Concrete curbing – there are pictures being passed around and you can see the condition and I am sure many Aldermen have seen the condition of concrete curbing in their wards. They have probably also seen the condition of asphalt curbing in their wards. We are on a yearly basis replacing asphalt curbing in wards because our snowplows quite frankly take it out every year. Most of the time that is put in when there are drainage issues. So if we are able to combine a program with not only concrete but with asphalt and put in granite I think we would be solving a lot of problems in the City.

Alderman Shea stated every one of those is in a different ward than Ward 7. How do you go about treating all of the constituents properly? In other words, why is tax money from people who are putting in 50/50 but people who have the other kind of curbing and where I used to live I had that kind of a curbing so obviously...how can you get around that situation? That is where my concern is. I know that Alderman Garrity and I looked at the list that was submitted. He had zero and I had three. I counted upwards of 38 or 40 in one ward and 40 in another ward. My point is that some how or other when you speak of needs and wants again some people would want a new curbing and some people need a new curbing but the ones who need it are putting in for the 50/50 program. That is where all of this money becomes a little bit nebulous in my mind in terms of how do we treat all of the people fairly. That is really something that with \$150,000 a year over the course of 10 years that is \$1.5 million and over 20 years it is \$3 million or what have you. Other people are paying half of it. I have people on

Brunelle Avenue. Are they going to get compensated now for what they put in two years ago? I mean somebody on Lincoln Street wants to put a curbing in and they are not part of it because of the drainage. Are they qualified...there are so many unanswered questions in this regard. Not that I don't want to treat people fairly but would there be...like would these people have to pay half. Is that what you are saying or would they just get a new granite curbing?

Mr. Sheppard responded we would be proposing this as a fully funded City program for replacement. There definitely were some wards that were developed while concrete curb was being displaced in the City so there are some wards that don't have much concrete curbing and there are other wards that have obviously more concrete curbing. We look at this as a citywide program, not a ward by ward program. Our priorities would be based on a citywide program. We would go out and survey all of the locations and pick locations that we felt were the worst and necessary locations that should be prioritized. As far as the 50/50 program, that would still be available to homeowners. There are many homeowners, like I said there are probably 2,000 feet a year of people with concrete curbs who are replacing with granite curbs. I guess their option would be if the City developed a program based on the funding and that is only \$150,000 that may be a 20 or 30 year program and if we took a look at that perhaps somebody may say I don't want to wait 10 or 20 years but I want to pay to have my own sidewalk done so I guess that would be an option for people with concrete curb at that point.

Alderman Shea asked what about people who just have a lawn and want a curbing but they live in a section where next door to them they have one of those curbing that needs to be replaced. Do they get a free curbing also?

Mr. Sheppard answered we are looking at this as a maintenance issue.

Alderman Shea stated but they are claiming that there is a drainage problem and if you put a curb in it is going to impact their property. You know how it works. A to B to C to D so what happens there? Are these problems going to be answered or resolved before we embrace upon this kind of a situation?

Mr. Sheppard replied if there are specific issues I see no reason why we cannot try to address those issues. I understand what you are saying and there is no reason why things like that cannot be addressed as part of this program. If there is...like I said a lot of times the asphalt berms that have been placed in the City are due to drainage issues. Roadway drainage going on to abutter's properties. I am sure there are plenty of them as you mentioned that are still around the City.

Alderman Shea stated I don't mean to give you a hard time but some people in my ward have had asphalt curbing and have paid the 50/50 program to replace them

with granite curbing. How do you treat those people fairly? Do you just say well you didn't wait long enough and obviously the City is going to have a program down the road and whatever? This is something that is going to cause a lot of difficulties I think. It is laudable but the devil is in the details.

Mr. Sheppard responded I guess that is similar to any time the law changes do you go back and allow the people that broke that law in the past freedom. This is a new policy and I think we need to look from today forward. That is our recommendation. It has been part of our CIP in the past, it has just never been funded. It has come to the forefront as far as being presented this year.

Alderman Garrity stated Kevin in your memo the asphalt berms and the concrete curbing that is damaged during plowing operations is that replaced by the City.

Mr. Sheppard responded asphalt berm is typically replaced. Concrete curbs it has not been our policy to try to replace our touch the concrete curbs. One of the problems is once you start working with concrete curb unless you are replacing a length of it, it deteriorates if you have seen concrete curb.

Alderman Garrity asked but if the curbing problem is caused by plowing operations does the City replace the concrete.

Mr. Sheppard answered we will work with the homeowners. Sometimes we will patch it with asphalt versus concrete because we don't install the concrete anyway.

Alderman Smith stated Kevin you know we go way back on this. In regards to curbing what I would like you to explain is resetting curbing – existing granite curbing where the asphalt is now right up to the top of the granite curbing. I have asked people to reset curbing and it is quite a cost and quite time consuming. I can tell you that there are several streets in the City that have granite curbing right outside their house that doesn't have a reveal of 1/2" and people are parking on the sidewalk. I think if we are going to address this we better address the existing curbing in the streets that people have paid for and there is no reveal whatsoever. I think it is 8" supposedly isn't it.

Mr. Sheppard responded 7" and what we have tried to do over the past few years is we have noticed that and if we are going to resurface the street we take that into consideration and sometime we ground streets to get that curb reveal back but I agree with you that there are plenty of streets where that is an issue.

Alderman Lopez stated I think an issue has been brought to the attention of the City. I think Harry Ntapalis...you have to work with him because I would hate to see some elderly person or some youngster break their ankle on this.

Alderman DeVries stated I think I would like to start off first with a question of Kevin Sheppard. With the deterioration of the concrete curbing in areas if we do not start to fund our CIP infrastructure improvements how does Highway plan on addressing this? I have received many phone calls about the rebar that becomes exposed and sticks up and creates hazards and such.

Mr. Sheppard responded a lot of the older concrete curbing was made with rebar in it and there are areas in the City where rebar is starting to become exposed and I think that was mentioned in the letter that this is becoming a safety concern of ours. Down the road and I apologize because we haven't spoken with Harry Ntapolis regarding this but it is our opinion that it could become a liability for the City if someone is stepping off the curb or some children are playing. I am not too sure...I don't want to make it sound terrible right now but down the road I think there is a liability potentially for the City based on what is out there. I have seen some concrete curb on Elm Street actually that has that problem.

Alderman DeVries asked so if we do not start to address the situation how is it going to be addressed. It is not going to go away.

Mr. Sheppard answered correct. I guess what we would do is continue to request funding for this program and in cases where it potentially becomes a liability either we try to patch it with asphalt or...I am not sure without proper funding how else to address that and reduce the liability.

Alderman DeVries asked is this an item that is likely to become a large bonded item.

Mr. Sheppard answered it very well could based on the amount of curbing that is out there. Again, the Finance Department would have to take a look at the bonding of a project like this but based on the amount of curbing that is out there there is plenty of work that we could bond the \$1 million curb replacement program or a long-term curb replacement program.

Alderman DeVries stated certainly in my mind this is a pay now or pay later and if we end up paying later and we accumulate this to such a problem that we are bonding now we have to include all of the costs for the interest. As we heard from our finance discussions last night if we end up bonding \$1 million we could, in a short-term bonding, end up paying \$250,000, ¼ of that, just to cover the interest on that program or the debt service on that. It just seems like it is only prudent for this Board to continue to address the infrastructure of the City and this is one piece of it. I would like to address Alderman Shea who is saying that because there is not much concrete curb or asphalt curb to be replaced in Ward 7 that he thinks

there is an issue there. I would draw a correlation to the sewer installation that we are now putting forward throughout parts of the City being funded by all of the taxpayers of the City to expand the sewer and infrastructure. It will happen that some programs are going to be more ward specific than others. Not everything is going to touch equally every ward of the City and I don't think that is a reason to ignore that the problem exists. We can take a start at properly addressing the program this year or we can continue to ignore it and throw dollars and asphalt on trying to patch this network up and pay for the bonding when it comes around within the next few years.

Alderman Shea stated with all due respect to Alderman DeVries the people in Ward 7 are paying for their curbing. With all due respect, they are paying. I have no objection to people in Ward 8 paying to replace their curbing. They are not people who are going to get free curbing. They are paying for their curbing. My objection to this is that each one of us who is a homeowner has personal responsibility and if I had a curbing in front of my house that was injurious to my family and my family members I would replace that curbing. I would not cry poverty living in a \$200,000, \$300,000, \$400,000 or \$500,000 home. I would get that curbing fixed. With all due respect to Ward 8, there are many people in Ward 8 who are not willing to pay the 50/50 Program and they want the City to pay for their curbing. That is all I am saying. I am not saying that people in Ward 8 or Ward 7 don't pay for City wide situations but when we have an ongoing program and people in Ward 7 are replacing their curbing and are paying 50% I see no reason why people in other sections of the City at this time do not pay 50/50 to replace their curbing. It is available to them. That is all I am saying.

Alderman Smith stated it just so happens that I was subdivision inspector for many years and apparently the developers at the time sold a bill of goods to the City fathers and these people when they bought the houses knew what the situation was. I can understand the concerns of the Alderman from Ward 8 but we have needs all over the City. Like I said I would like to have a lot of the granite curbing reset. Anybody knows that if you come to an intersection the radiuses are poor. I would just like to point out one example of what should be done. If anybody has been down on Valley and Maple Street right where the Cumberland Farm store is, there is a curbing right flush with the asphalt and there must be a detention made there accidentally of about 3 feet. That is what I would like to address and get the people to not park on the sidewalk before we get to this program. These people when they bought their houses whether it was at Megan Meadows or wherever knew the development was there and they knew what the conditions were and that is probably why they got their house reduced to a certain price.

Mr. Sheppard responded the City did allow concrete curbing and once the curbing was in place these streets were turned over to the City. I agree that the

homeowners realized what was going in there but once the City has accepted the roadway they have become...it is somewhat the responsibility of the homeowners although some homeowners are doing the 50/50 program to enhance their properties.

Alderman Porter stated Kevin what would you estimate the cost of granite curbing would be for someone who has 50' of frontage.

Mr. Sheppard answered \$700 may be the homeowner's percent.

Alderman Porter asked so it would be \$700 and \$700. I just want to have some idea.

Chairman O'Neil stated originally when this came up I thought along the same line as we have this very successful 50/50 program in the City. We run out of money every year with it. We have more applicants than we have money. We have a pretty good process for first come first serve...am I correct on that?

Mr. Sheppard answered yes.

Chairman O'Neil stated I would like to see us structure something towards that where it is a fairness issue. All I see this becoming is political. I do trust the judgement of the Highway Department but how are you going to be able to determine what street is worse than the other?

Mr. Sheppard responded there are probably plenty of streets out there that are equal and it would probably be difficult to set priorities but we would have to set the priority. I guess you would have to trust in us to set the priorities for the concrete curbing within the City. Yes the 50/50 Program exists but we don't feel that all of this concrete curbing, which potentially could become a problem in the future, will be addressed with the 50/50 Program and it may become an issue down the road with the City when this concrete curb deteriorates. I know some neighborhoods where the erosion has started and the lawns start eroding and it creates problems. We get calls on a lot of that. It is becoming an issue throughout the City.

Chairman O'Neil asked what are the wishes of the Committee.

Alderman Lopez stated we do not know how many curbing we are talking about at this stage of the game do we.

Mr. Sheppard responded based on a quick survey that we have done we have 156,000 linear feet plus or minus.

Alderman Lopez stated you know where they are right now today.

Mr. Sheppard responded there was a list attached to the memo that came out last month.

Alderman Lopez stated I wouldn't want to see anybody kill this particular thing because I think it is important throughout the City. It is not only the safety aspect of it and the liability aspect of it but the aesthetics in neighborhoods throughout the City. I don't know the money aspect of it at this time. Maybe we could work with Finance and CIP and Mr. MacKenzie to come up with...in some areas we might be able to use the revolving loan fund or HOME loans or stuff like that. I would like to explore all of those ideas where we could pick out the neighborhoods that fall into particular categories and have staff and Highway work that out before we make any type of decision. I think there is some money out there that we could utilize to clean up some of this stuff.

Chairman O'Neil asked so what do you want to do. Do you want to put it on the table?

Alderman Lopez moved to put it on the table until other sources of money can be identified. Alderman Smith duly seconded the motion. Chairman O'Neil called for a vote. The motion carried with Alderman Garrity being duly recorded in opposition.

Alderman Lopez stated I want to bring something to the Committee's attention. I have had discussions with Red Robidas, our Security Officer, regarding #810504, which is \$100,000 for security. I had some discussion with him and I just want to get it on the record for Bob MacKenzie and others involved. The \$40,000 that we are going to do for EPD that money can be charged back so we will get an additional \$40,000 once we complete the project for whatever they have from EPD so there will be other security measures and other things we can do. Sam, could you follow that up with Red?

Chairman O'Neil asked can we get a breakdown of what projects are supposed to be done.

Mr. MacKenzie answered yes we can.

Alderman Lopez stated if I may answer that I have the book right here. It is in the book on Page 1.

Chairman O'Neil asked is that in the packet that we just got over the weekend.

Alderman Lopez answered yes. It is in the back. Information Systems has \$3,500 and EPD has \$40,000.

Chairman O'Neil asked the one that says building improvements or the second one that says parking.

Alderman Lopez responded if you go to the second green tab it is on the second page. It says Page 1. You see the \$100,000 and that is what is included there. We are going to get \$40,000 back when they charge EPD the money.

Alderman Shea stated we did talk about \$200,000 for parking up at Derryfield Park for Highway. My concern is why would we want to put \$200,000 into that when we could use JFK for these cars that are towed during a storm. I know, Kevin, that we discussed \$200,000 to renovate the area over at Derryfield Park for an impound lot. Obviously both of us know that when that is not being used Trinity High School students will use that. That is kind of a given but is JFK available to use for these cars that have to be towed during a storm?

Mr. Sheppard responded we have looked at that with the Parks Department. I don't believe the JFK lot will hold the amount of cars necessary and the other concern is access. We would like to have one controlled access point. When these cars are towed they need to go out a certain entrance so it is verified that they are paid. I know that there are outside activities. The first thing in the morning you have teachers from Beech Street School parking there. I know we discussed this with Mr. Ludwig and perhaps he could speak a little bit more on it. It is something that we considered but we didn't feel that was the best location.

Alderman Shea asked how many cars do you usually tow in a storm average wise.

Mr. Sheppard answered we could tow over 300 cars a storm.

Alderman Shea asked and they have to be out by what time the next day.

Mr. Sheppard answered I believe it is within 18 or 24 hours. If they are not, they are towed to the various tow lots in the City.

Alderman Shea asked so in other words if you use the area around Maple Street that they use to park cars for the ballpark how many cars can you park there legitimately.

Mr. Sheppard answered I would like to ask for Mr. Ludwig's assistance in answering that. I know we took a look at that. I know he had mentioned at the

last meeting that the neighborhood actually uses quite a bit of that area for parking.

Alderman Shea stated the neighborhood uses the area along Beech Street between Green and Valley Street. That is what they use normally. The teachers use the area near the school and the area over by Maple Street, Ron, how many cars can you fit in that area there?

Mr. Ron Ludwig stated what has happened to us around the JFK and Beech Street only recently is that they have added portable classes to the front of Beech Street School.

Alderman Shea asked they haven't taken care of that with the design-build.

Mr. Ludwig answered no not yet. So, the fact that the portables stick out into what was the existing parking lot in front of Beech Street School means that the parking all pushes in a southerly direction so now teacher parking is completely in front of JFK Coliseum and actually goes halfway down the Central practice field. The only area of our lot that is empty during the day when there is school is on the East Side of JFK where you can probably fit 100 cars. There isn't sufficient parking around there anymore.

Chairman O'Neil stated instead of sending it to Finance we will just do a little bit of fine-tuning in the next week and then refer it to Finance.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Smith it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee